

Minutes

TO: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

FROM: Leon Davidoff, Chairperson

DATE: February 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

In ATTENDANCE: Leon Davidoff, Clare Kindall, Shari Cantor, Harry Captain, Chris Barnes, Burke Doar, Ron Van Winkle, John Phillips, Mark McGovern, Todd Dumais, Duane Martin, Kimberly Boneham

The Community Planning and Physical Services Committee met on Monday, February 23, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. Transportation
 - A. ConnDOT Master Agreement
This item was not discussed
 - B. CMAC Funding
This is a state grant application for transportation improvement, the Town is submitting two projects: 1. Traffic signal replacements for the New Park area and 2. Intersection improvements at Mountain Road and Albany Avenue. This is a competitive grant and if we rank in the top three applications we should be able to receive a grant.
 - C. I-84 Park Road Exit
The staff reviewed the plans for the improvements to the I-84, Park Road exit. Design plans are being submitted to the state by town staff. Construction is not expected before the spring of 2017.
 - D. I-84 Viaduct
Mark McGovern discussed the State's plan for the repair or replacement of the I-84 viaduct through Hartford.
 - E. Albany-King Phillip-Trout Brook Drive Intersection
The Town is planning to make changes to the Albany Avenue/Troutbrook Drive/King Phillip intersection and reconstruct King Phillip Drive from Albany to Mohawk in the summer of 2015. The staff reviewed the plans that include turn lanes, curbs and widening to include bicycle lanes. The staff also discussed the plan to rehabilitate the North Main Street bridge near ASD. This project will begin this summer.
2. Train Station
The staff discussed the status of the proposed train station for the New Haven-Springfield rail line. The state recently approved funding for 15% of the design of a proposed station at a site located on the opposite side of the track from the Flatbush-New Park Fastrak Station on the Hartford-West Hartford line.
3. Complete Streets
The committee discussed the draft complete streets policy.

4. Update TOD Workshop
Mark McGovern discussed a meeting and seminar the West Hartford Town Plan and Zoning Commission had with the Hartford Town Plan and Zoning Commission and staff about Transit Oriented Development in the Fasttrak stations area.
5. Ordinance allowing liquor at Rockledge
The Committee did not discuss this ordinance as it is set for public hearing.
6. UConn Property
The staff discussed a series of steps the Town will take to evaluate the UConn Site.
7. Special Events – Town Hall
John Phillips discussed the use of the Town Hall site for special events and the costs associated with that use. The Committee asked that the staff bring back more information of the planned events and the fees structure in place and planned.
8. Public Works Update
John Philips updated the Committee on the Departments efforts to keep the streets clear during this difficult winter. The snow budget has been fully expended but we expect to be able to fund continued work within the Department's total appropriation.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors